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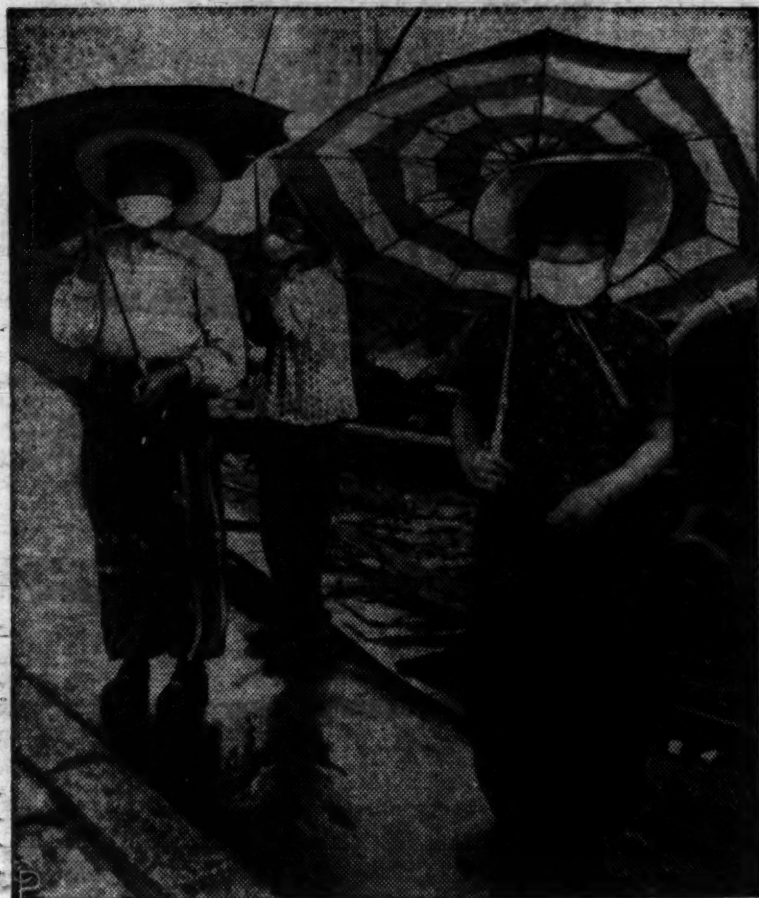
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## BIG 3 UNITY IN PERIL, SOVIET PRESS WARNS



**Disease at Hiroshima:** Nose-and-mouth masks worn by these little Japanese girls on a rain-wet street in Hiroshima, Japan, are evidence that still-unburied dead lie in the atom-bombed ruins.

## Charge Byrnes, Bevin Renege on Potsdam

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

Izvestia, the official Soviet government newspaper, yesterday charged that the Anglo-American stand at the recent London conference had imperiled the whole "foundation of cooperation" among the Big Three.

According to the United Press from Moscow the "editorial said it was impossible to over-estimate the seriousness of the failure of the London conference."

The strong Soviet stand came on the eve of the radio address by Secretary of State James V. Byrnes only a few days after his return from the Council of Foreign Ministers. Ernest Bevin, British foreign secretary, is scheduled to report to Parliament Tuesday.

Evidently, Byrnes and Bevin feel explanations are in order to the American and British people for their refusal to abide by the Potsdam decision of last July.

In essence, this was a decision to continue Big Three leadership among the United Nations.

But Byrnes and Bevin at London insisted that France should take part in the Balkan treaties. Herbert Evatt, Australian foreign minister, evidently speaking for Britain, even went so far as to suggest on Thursday that 17 smaller nations should participate in the treaty-writing for Europe. This would become an obvious anti-Soviet bloc.

But Izvestia spoke frankly on such plans.

"If the United States and British representatives in the future insist on their position—which can in no way be reconciled with the authenticity of the tripartite agreement—then the foundations of cooperation between the three powers will be shaken."

Izvestia accused Byrnes of obstructing a Soviet proposal to extend sessions one day longer, and of flatly refusing to prolong the Council's work.

"As is well known," the Soviet paper said pointedly, "at international conferences one government cannot give orders to another. It is about time this was understood."

"Why did Messrs. Byrnes and Bevin reject the proposal of the Soviet delegation to sign a protocol on the agreed decisions?" the editorial asked. "No one can understand why this could not have been done, even if there was a disagreement on several others."

### MANY ALIBIS

"All kinds of versions of the council are appearing with efforts to explain the lack of decisions which apparently are efforts to unload the guilt of failure from a sick head to a healthy one."

"What now is not being invented by the English and American press about the Soviet delegation in order to unload on it the guilt of the American and English delegations for the self-created situation?"

"But those who are heaping more and more confusion into the situation with all kinds of hasty, thought-up explanations, cannot remove from themselves the responsibility for the event. In the final analysis the truth will come into its own."

"What is the real reason for the breakdown of the London meeting of the Council of Ministers? Comrade Molotov has answered this question. The real reason is in the different conception of the Berlin agreement."

"What was signed and accepted in Berlin by President Truman and Prime Minister Attlee was placed under a cloud of doubt by Byrnes and Bevin in London. The Soviet delegation demanded in London that the Berlin agreement of the three Powers should not be violated but maintained to the letter."

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# Mother Charges Police Still Refuse To Act on Burning of 11-Year Son

By EUGENE GORDON

Mrs. Hattie Peterson, mother of 11-year-old Albert, on the critical list at the Harlem Hospital from body burns suffered on July 28, complained again to the Daily Worker yesterday that the police are doing nothing in the case.

Albert Peterson, as related in the Daily Worker on Oct. 1, was so badly burned from ignited cigarette-lighter fluid on July 28 that the flesh "just hung off him in layers." Bobby Shilling, 15, of Holland, Queens, is said to have admitted setting Albert afire.

The Petersons, Negroes, and the Shillings, white, live near each other on Beach 86, Holland, Queens, which is on the Rockaway Park line of the Long Island Railroad. Peterson drives a truck for a coal company. Shilling is a member of the police department.

Mrs. Peterson said yesterday that no member of the Police Department has yet gone to the hospital

to get Albert's statement of the burning. The only contact the police have had with the hospital, she declared, has been by phone.

"If the boy dies without going to court," Mrs. Peterson said, "there'll be no record of what he said but only of what I said."

## MAY NOT LIVE

The case was adjourned by Judge Herbert A. O'Brien a second time in the Children's Court, Jamaica, on Oct. 2, the reason being that Albert would have to appear in person. Mrs. Peterson said she felt that the court ought to get the boy's testimony at the hospital, since there is no assurance that he will live.

The Petersons' attorney, told the

Daily Worker yesterday that "if the boy recovers and if the case is backed by testimony on his part and by testimony by others who saw the alleged burning by the Shilling boy," then Bobby Shilling can be arrested.

He added that if Albert "got to be in a critical condition" the police would hasten "to get a statement from him."

The hospital yesterday declared that the boy is in a critical condition and has been since he was admitted there Aug. 22.

Bobby Shilling, the attorney admitted, has "an unsavory reputation" in the Holland community. The boy was said by Gutman to have "a record of delinquency in school."

Neighbors say that Bobby two years ago held the foot of little Cissy Jacobs in a fire "until you count ten." The little girl's parents

confirmed this story when questioned by the Daily Worker. They said they would gladly appear in court as witness for the Petersons.

Jack Shilling vowed on Sept. 26 that he would willingly give "all my blood" to save Albert's life. Mrs. Peterson retorted yesterday that neither Shilling nor his wife had yet called on her nor offered in any way to help her since their son allegedly burned Albert nearly 10 weeks ago.

The little patient has had three blood transfusions and may, according to his mother, require more. The Peterson's attorney admitted that he himself has not yet visited Albert in the hospital. This fact was also a cause of complaint by the sick boy's mother.

"I want to see that Shilling boy arrested and taken to court," Albert's mother said. "Why don't the police do something?"

# Invasion Boat Builder Says High Wages Reduced Costs

By ART SHIELDS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—To the dismay of Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.), who was again attacking the 65-cent-an-hour minimum wage bill at the Senate Education and Labor Committee's hearings today, a steel boat manufacturer testified that highest wages, highest profits and low costs went hand in hand at his invasion boat plant at Oakland, Cal.

Patrick McDonough, the witness, said that he paid the highest wages of any of the 23 invasion boat manufacturers and sold the product to the government at the lowest price of any.

"Do you make good profits?" asked Sen. James M. Tunnell (D-Del.).

"Good isn't the name for it," replied the smiling witness. "We make too much."

His profits topped the one million dollar mark on 500 men before paying taxes in more than one year, he declared.

## WHY THE RAISE?

"Why did you raise wages?" asked Tunnell.

"I raised wages like every one else—because I was forced to," the steel man retorted.

No employer raises wages for any other reason, the witness continued.

Ellender, who often frets about government activities in labor relations wanted to know who forced McDonough to raise wages.

And the steel man replied he was forced by the rumblings of his own men.

The Californian brushed aside Ellender's remarks that higher wages lead to higher prices.

"We make tanks (not military tanks) at a labor cost of \$80 that used to cost \$138 in labor time 40 years ago," declared the manufacturer.

And the wages of the boiler-makers who do the work have increased from 25 to 30 cents an hour 40 years ago to \$1.28 an hour,



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Jersey Republican, said he was afraid that a 65-cent law would shut Southern plants, throwing Southerners out of work. To which the steel man replied that Northern areas would keep plants that they would otherwise lose if they couldn't get low wage workers by migrating South.

However, McDonough wouldn't agree that higher wages and resulting efficiency will close the Southern plants.

The New Jersey Senator batted for Ellender again when he asked whether it wasn't true that Southerners needed less wages.

"It costs them just as much to live in the North if they live the same way," the witness replied.

McDonough, who worked 20 years as a mechanic, before he became an employer 20 years ago, runs an AFL shop.

## LOW EMPLOYMENT

Solomon Barkin, research director for the Textile Workers Union, who spoke in the name of the CIO, pointed out that low wages meant low purchasing power and therefore low employment.

"We are losing ground in our fight for full employment. We must act immediately," he said.

Ellender will be happy next week when employers, who don't share McDonough's high wage point of view, will testify against the bill.

Supporters of the bill will take the floor a week later.



Her face burned by the blast of the atom bomb that destroyed Hiroshima, this Japanese woman is pictured in a temporary aid-shelter in the ruins.

## Korean Provincial Governor Picked

SEOUL, Korea, Oct. 5 (UP).—The newly created Korean Advisory Council composed of 11 Korean leaders today selected by ballot a governor for Kyang-Ki-do province, in which Seoul is located, from among six candidates submitted by U.S. Maj. Gen. Archibald V. Arnold.

The man selected is Paik Nam Hoon, well-known Korean industrialist, described by Arnold as "patriotic and above self-interest."

# TEAR-GAS STUDIO PICKETS

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 5.—Police attacked a picket line of 1,000 with tear gas and water hose today at the Warner Bros. studio. They then booked strike leader Herbert Sorrell and "five or six other strikers" on a charge of rioting. The men were lodged in the Burbank jail.

The lines that picketed Warner Bros. since early morning, closing the studios, were broken up and members of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees entered to work.

It was the first large-scale police violence in the 29-week-old movie studios strike.

Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz ordered pickets to let IATSE members pass through. His order was ignored and 50 members of the riot squad of the Metropolitan police division stormed the picket lines to enforce it.

The pickets defended themselves. Police storming through the studio gates stationed themselves just inside the movie lot, armed with tear-gas guns, to forestall further disturbances.

The studio strike, which now involves 15 unions, began last March 12 when the Painters' Brotherhood (AFL) Local 1421 walked out to force recognition—as bargaining agent for studio set dressers, also claimed by the IATSE (AFL). IATSE workers have been filling strikers' jobs during the seven-month-old walkout.

# Leave Chicago For Washington

CHICAGO, Oct. 5.—A delegation of 160 leaders of Illinois CIO unions got off to a flying start this morning in a caravan to Washington, to visit their congressmen Monday on job and unemployment bills.

Heading the delegation are Maurice McElligot, secretary, and Robert Travis, vice-president and legislative director, of the Illinois Industrial Union Council.

Neno Cellini, newly elected secretary of the Chicago CIO council, is heading the caravan from Chicago, consisting of 25 cars and 128 union representatives.

Downstate industrial centers sending delegations are Peoria, Rock Island, Springfield and Rockford.

In the delegations are a large number of Negroes. Almost half the delegates are women.

# Settle Bakery Drivers Strike

NEWARK, Oct. 5.—The week-old strike of AFL Bakery Drivers and Salesmen was settled here today as seven baking companies agreed to pay a 7 1/2 percent commission on all sales and to guarantee \$50 weekly wages.

A union spokesman said a similar strike might hit New York soon.

# Stifle Opinions of Atombomb Scientists

By VIRGINIA GARDNER

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Opinions of many scientists who helped develop the atomic bomb are being stifled. It is reliably reported here that some of the scientists are even being trailed by FBI men.

Army censorship is preventing scientists from saying freely in public, as they have done in private, that science is indivisible and international and that any Senator who thinks we can keep atomic secrets is kidding himself.

Dramatically enough, the Senate on Monday will resume the verbal sparring which marked the session yesterday, over just which committee should have jurisdiction over S-1464, the Johnson Bill for the development and control of atomic

energy. The Kilgore subcommittee also opens its hearings Monday into various phases of atomic energy.

The Military Affairs subcommittee, headed by Sen. Harley M. Kilgore (D-WVa.) sits jointly with others to consider five bills on science.

One of these bills is S-1297, sponsored by Sens. Kilgore, Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.) and Claude Pepper (D-Fla.). In addition to setting up a national science foundation it would make it mandatory that any discovery or development made by

an agency in whole or part financed by the government would become public property.

In regard to the Johnson bill, Sen. Arthur Vandenberg (R-Mich.) wants this measure sent to a joint congressional commission being set up by his resolution which has passed the Senate. This would mean that Vandenberg would control the committee.

Sen. Alben W. Barkley opposes this. Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex.), who has announced he thinks we should keep the "secret" of the bomb for ourselves, is on Vandenberg's side, but he wants the bill for the Foreign Relations Committee, which he heads.

Sen. Brien McMahon has offered a bill to prohibit private exploitation of atomic energy, and authorizes us to agree to the Security Council of the United Nations undertaking experimentation and research and having access to all plants and laboratories in all countries.

A feature of the Kilgore bill is that research aid would be by contracts between the government and a college or private laboratory, not by grants-in-aid and loosely formulated patent control.

The scientists who are suffering now from the Army censorship are among other things faced with the inability to teach anything about

atomic energy in classrooms or to continue with the research projects.

LONDON, Oct. 5 (UP).—The British government today was expected soon to announce formation of a commission to control and develop the use of atomic energy. The commission would be similar to that proposed by President Truman to Congress.

Prof. Marcus Oliphant, one of the principal British scientists who worked on atomic experiments in the United States, said in an interview that "that's no question of keeping it as a military secret."

"Any nuclear physicist who knows his job," he said, "knows the principles on which it is based and could reconstruct the bomb from published material. Secrets, such as they are, are a matter of engineering and not of physics."



# Truman Oil Seizure Protects Profits--Not Pay

**PRESIDENT TRUMAN** ordered the Navy to seize 52 strike-bound oil refineries on the ground that "the war effort will be unduly impeded or delayed."

The people of the country now know that the strike could have been settled on the basis of a proposal submitted by Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwollenbach. The CIO's International Oil Workers Union accepted it but the oil producers turned it down. Under the government's proposal, the 15 per cent raise which the operators offered would be granted, with the remainder asked by the union to be decided by an arbitrator named by the Secretary of Labor.

The companies once again have shown that

they care little for the country's welfare.

Mr. Truman's order should be ground for concern for the oil union and for labor as a whole. The basis for resumed operation, as set forth in the order, is not the government's settlement proposal, but the wage conditions now prevailing in the plants. This penalizes the workers who agreed to the government's terms.

## Take-Home Cut

The workers are asked to resume work with a cut in take-home equivalent to 12 hours of pay. The government is to operate the plants on the terms the employers want and guarantee them uninterrupted production and high profits.

This amounts to punishing the just and rewarding the guilty.

This precedent may well affect the entire labor movement. True, the government's interest in this case is guided by national necessity. But the government should also be interested in assuring the conditions under which the national interest would not be impaired. Certainly, in this case where the justice of the workers' demand was at least partly conceded by the employers themselves, the government could do no less. But the President's seizure order did not even state the known fact that the union agreed and the employers turned down the government's own settlement proposal.

## Oil Union Orders Return to Work

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—The CIO's Oil Workers International Union today ordered all its striking locals to return to work following government seizure of refineries, plants and pipelines.

O. A. Knight, president of the OWIU, said the union would have preferred to "settle this question on the picket line" with every chance of victory, but agreed to return in the national interest.

The wire sent by Knight to all local unions, urges cooperation with the government in operation of the plants, but he stressed that the strike continues against the oil companies. He wired:

"You are assured under the war labor disputes act the same hours, wages and other terms and conditions of employment as obtained at the time of work stoppages, and that there will be no discrimination against any employee who has participated in this work stoppage."

"Any discrimination shall be reported at once to the international office."

"The international council believes that the full and successful conclusion of our fight for just wage demands is dependent upon your immediate co-operation with the above."

Knight also noted the "arrogant refusal" of the oil operators to accept the government's proposal of an immediate 15 per cent wage rise and arbitration of the rest. The President's seizure order, however, provides for operation of the plants on the basis of wages and working conditions as they are now. This means a cut in the oil worker's weekly take-home of 12 hours.

## Teachers Rap 'Edited' Chaucer

Anti-Semitic passages in "The Canterbury Tales" were protested yesterday by the Teachers Union in a letter to Superintendent of Schools John E. Wade.

The Tales, written by the early English poet Geoffrey Chaucer, were published in a modern English version by Longmans Green and Company in 1930 and reprinted in 1935 and 1937. The book, now on the approved list of literature for English students, was prepared by Frank Ernest Hill.

The Teachers Union noted that the book is supposedly "expurgated," but claimed that while ribald passages are deleted, vicious anti-Semitic passages remain, especially in the Prioresse's Tale, pages 117 through 124.

The union stated that in "view of the explosive nature of inter-racial problems . . . we ask that this book be immediately withdrawn from the approved list for use in the schools."



O. A. KNIGHT (right), president of the Oil Workers International Union, tells reporters he has ordered all striking locals to return to work following the government's seizure of the oil plants.

## ILA Heads Order Dockers To Resume Work on Monday

Officials of Local 791, International Longshoremen's Association last night claimed that a ballot of striking workers approved a back-to-work recommendation, and ordered resumption of work Monday.

The sudden announcement from the headquarters of Eugene Sampson, business agent of the local and spokesman for the strikers, came after a closed afternoon meeting at which a "secret" ballot was taken.

A morning overflow meeting at 353 West 17 St. showed strong sentiment against this ballot because repeated votes had already been taken during the five-day strike at which a contract negotiated by president Joseph Ryan of the ILA was unanimously voted down.

The men were particularly suspicious of the "secret" ballot Ryan was trying to arrange, and showed great doubt of an honest count.

The morning meeting was particularly noisy, and Mayor LaGuardia's representative Edward G. McGuire was booed a number of times when he advised a back-to-work ballot.

The meeting expressed particularly strong sentiment for still another demand to the four that rank and file strikers had already added

for negotiations—a hiring hall and the end of the hated shape-up. Many workers left the morning meeting under the impression that the closed meeting later would definitely decide on the hiring hall demand.

Ryan, abandoning his effort to obtain approval of the contract he negotiated last week, concentrated his main effort for a return to work vote on a promise that new negotiations would then get under way. So sure was the lifetime boss of the ILA that he would succeed in his return to work arrangement that he ventured to state Thursday that if the workers aren't back at work on Monday "I'll go back to Ireland."

### SAMPSON'S STAND

One factor that apparently decided Ryan's prediction was the announcement by Sampson, who was much publicized as spokesman of the rank and file movement, that he favors return to work.

Sampson has been leader of Local

791 and one of the top ILA officials for many years. He came forward as spokesman for the "insurgents" when the members of his large local exploded against the settlement reached by Ryan.

The demands that were added for negotiations included (1) a reduced slingload to a ton; (2) two shape-ups a day instead of three; (3) a minimum of four hours pay when called to work; (4) time and a half for work through the lunch period.

The strike spread like wildfire to include all dock workers in New York and Brooklyn.

There was considerable speculation on what may develop by Monday. Brooklyn longshoremen are known to be strongly opposed to returning. It also appeared doubtful whether Ryan could hold men at work long if he doesn't show some tangible concessions from the shipowners.

A back-to-work move was particularly needed by Ryan because of the growing evidence that the revolt against his machine was assuming serious proportions.

## Long Distance Phone Service Halted; Company Aids 'Strike'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Long distance telephone service was paralyzed for four hours nationally today in a move to protect company unionism and prevent the government from enforcing the Wagner Act.

The stoppage, which brought more than 250,000 operators, repair men and maintenance workers from their jobs, was called ostensibly by the National Federation of Telephone Workers. But the hand of American Telephone & Telegraph Co., giant monopoly, pulled the strings behind the scenes.

Aim of the stoppage, which was timed with operators' votes on strike under the Smith-Connally law, was attempted reversal of a National Labor Relations Board examiner's report which branded the Western Electric Employees Association, Federation affiliate, as company dominated. The association operates at Western Electric Co., Kearny, N. J., plant.

### COMPANY HELPS ALONG

Neither Western Electric, where the stoppage originated, nor the telephone company, to whose offices it spread nationally, made a move to maintain service so far as could be learned. On the contrary, the effectiveness of the stoppage indicated strong management cooperation.

Neil Brant, international representative of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, which has been organizing Western Electric workers, charged earlier that the strike was an "act

of desperation" by the Federation to cover up "the blot of company unionism." He charged A. T. & T. management with maneuvering the stoppage.

Newspapers, ordinarily hostile to strikes, gave the interruption of telephone service friendly treatment. Press accounts presented the stoppage as if it were a straight union labor action, instead of an attempt to coerce the NLRB and prevent it from enforcing the law banning company unions.

In Washington, government officials and congressmen attempting long distance conversations heard a phonograph record which re-

peated: "Operators have left the switchboards in a work stoppage, operators have left," etc. In New York, only emergency calls were accepted.

Local telephone service in New York and environs was not affected, but long distance calls were virtually impossible. Federation president Joseph Blerse was in Washington "looking for ways and means to settle the issues."

### Whale Meat Recipe

LONDON (UP).—Shetland Islanders borrowed an idea and recipe from Norwegian fishermen who made Lerwick a port of call on their way home, and have joined the exclusive few who hold whale meat to be a delicacy.



A hero at 17 is Marine Pfc. Jacklyn H. Lucas of Plymouth, N. C., who will be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Lucas distinguished himself by falling on and covering two Japanese hand grenades to save other members of his patrol. He enlisted at 14.

## Niagara Labor Unites in Wage Fight

NIAGARA FALLS, Oct. 5.—Niagara labor, united for the first time in years, has formed a general strike committee to coordinate all union strategy behind the fight for a 30 percent wage increase.

Charles A. Doyle, regional director of CIO United Gas, Coke & Chemical Workers, who said the committee was established at a recent meeting at Hotel Niagar here, said that the duPont Independent Union, which has a substantial membership, will consider participation at a meeting tonight.

## UMW, Owners Meet Schwollenbach Today

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, informed Secretary of Labor Schwollenbach today that the UMW will be represented at a meeting at 10 a.m. tomorrow (Saturday) on the spreading mine strikes. Operators have also indicated they will be represented.

The bituminous coal strike, now two weeks old, has 147,000 out of the mines and today moved into a sixth state, Indiana. The stoppage was reported to be affecting steel production.



# Charges Dewey Uses State Funds for '46 Vote

By MAX GORDON

Gov. Dewey is using state funds and personnel on a grand scale to prepare for the 1946 elections, according to the Albany Knickerbocker News, a Frank Gannett newspaper.

In a series of two articles by John Mooney, head of the Albany bureau for the Gannett chain, Dewey is charged with spending thousands of dollars of state money to publicize his administration, and with building up a high-powered publicity organization from among men on the state's public relations payroll.

"It is everywhere assumed that he (Dewey) will be a candidate to succeed himself next year," Mooney writes. "Meanwhile, the administration is being geared to tell the saga of the Dewey accomplishments on every front by every means. A large-scale publicity organization is being perfected, trained to use press, radio, audio-vision, movies and direct mail to convey to the people what they are getting for their money under the leadership of

Gov. Dewey."

Mooney describes this publicity organization as consisting of 10 to 20 public relations men from various departments, whose salaries, paid by the state, of course, range from \$4,400 to \$9,500.

## INFORMATION COUNCIL

These publicity men have organized a "Public Information Council," under the leadership of Harold Keller, state publicity director and a deputy in the Commerce Department. Keller was Dewey's press man when the Governor was district attorney and handled press relations for him in his two campaigns for governor and in last year's campaign.

This group will put out a "vast stream of printed material, some of it multi-colored." The "chief beneficiary," according to Mooney, will be "the Dewey administration and members of the 'Dewey team.'"

Within the next few weeks, printing bids will be submitted for over 2,000,000 pieces of literature, all of it of

good size and much of it printed in various colors, on aspects of the Dewey administration.

Last week, the "state's newest and perhaps costliest venture" made its appearance, a "jazzed up" bulletin of the State Labor Department. The former bulletin had a circulation of 3,000. This one, which resembles Life magazine in format, was printed in 15,000 copies. There are two pictures of Gov. Dewey and a message from him.

"Keyed to all publicity, no matter in what form, is the theme that Thomas E. Dewey is governor and symbolizes all that is being accomplished," according to Mooney. "He is the chief beneficiary of the greatest political publicity machine ever seen outside Washington."

There are no reports of protest from Rep. John Taber, Republican congressional hatchet man from New York state, who regularly battled fiercely in Congress to eliminate OWI on the grounds that publicity about the U.S. war effort was "building up" FDR.

# Citizens PAC Hits Demo Machine Politics

## ASK TRUMAN RESTORE FDR TRADITION

Leaders of the National Citizens Political Action Committee found Democratic Party organizations throughout the country concerned chiefly with machine politics and reluctant to rally support for President Truman's reconversion program.

This was the gist of an open letter to the President by C. B. Baldwin, executive vice-president of NCPAC, who surveyed 11 key states in the West and Mid-West together with Elmer A. Benson, chairman of NCPAC's executive council and Orville E. Olson, director of organization. Baldwin's letter is published in the current New Republic.

While critical of Democratic leaders in almost all states, Baldwin reserved his heaviest fire for the



C. B. BALDWIN  
Critical of Democrats

Democratic machine in Truman's own state of Missouri.

Warning that the loss of a senatorial seat and possibly one Congressional seat are in prospect next year, Baldwin said that the Democratic Party in Missouri is the "greatest liability" of the progressive movement in the state.

"Your recent appointment of the Roosevelt-hating isolationist, Bennett Clark, to the Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington discourages the type of political cooperation which brought such good results last year," Baldwin wrote.

"I would urge that you encourage new leadership in Missouri which will carry on in the Roosevelt tradition and will recognize that the spoils system is no longer the means by which elections are won."

Baldwin said that Truman had "amazing support," but that everywhere "there were questions."

"There are progressives who question some of the support you have been receiving from queer circles, and throughout the country we found a marked hesitation by Democratic leaders to organize support for your program."

Stating that the 1946 elections will depend on alliance between the Democratic Party, labor and progressives, Baldwin said pointedly that the late President Roosevelt had always understood the truth of Henry Wallace's statement that:

"The Democratic Party can survive in a national sense only as a progressive party."



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## City to Welcome Nimitz Tuesday

A corps of carpenters commenced erection of a huge reviewing stand in front of City Hall yesterday for the city's official reception next Tuesday of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific Fleet commander.

Nimitz will be welcomed at LaGuardia Airport at 11 a.m. Tuesday. He is scheduled to proceed by motorcade to Manhattan, down East River Drive and up Broadway to City Hall. From City Hall the motorcade will proceed up Fifth Ave. to 57 St. and to the Waldorf-Astoria.

# Corporations Get 3-in-1 Refund Gift of Almost 7 Billion Dollars

By ADAM LAPIN

The House Ways and Means Committee has just voted to cut corporation taxes by about \$2,000,000,000. But this comes on top of a handsome slice of the U. S. Treasury, estimated at almost \$7,000,000,000, which will be paid in tax refunds to the nation's big corporations.

Corporations are the beneficiaries of three types of tax refunds:

1.) A ten percent refund on excess profits taxes paid during the war which is expected to come to \$2,300,000,000.

2.) The carry-back refund which permits corporations to collect from the government during unprofitable years from excess profits taxes already paid into the Treasury. Total carry-back credits are estimated at \$25,000,000,000, and the actual refunds are expected to come to \$2,700,000,000.

3.) Refunds from the speeding up of war plant amortization, which may come to as high as \$1,700,000,000.

This last type of refund is least understood by the general public, but it is being actively discussed in the trade press and will provide rich melons for some big corporations, particularly in railroads, steel and aircraft.

Minimum estimates by the Wall Street Journal of refunds to corporations if they speeded up amortization include:

United States Steel—\$50,000,000.  
Bethlehem Steel—\$40,000,000.  
Southern Pacific Railroad—\$20,000,000.

Consolidated-Vultee—\$5,000,000.  
Curtiss-Wright—\$4,500,000.

Corporations are permitted under the Internal Revenue Code to write off against taxes the cost of plants or facilities erected under a government certificate of war necessity during a 60-month period.

But with many plants no longer needed for war purposes, corporations are permitted to speed up this

## An Editorial

### The Rich Man's Tax Bill

WHAT must the average worker, just laid off from a war job or fighting hard through his union against a cut in take-home pay, think about the new tax bill approved by the House Ways and Means Committee?

Here is a committee which refused even to consider President Truman's proposal for increasing unemployment compensation to a top of \$25 a week.

Then this same committee enthusiastically tackles Secretary of the Treasury Vinson's program to cut \$2,000,000,000 in corporation taxes and \$2,500,000,000 in individual income taxes including substantial reductions for the low income group.

Vinson's program was hailed by the most conservative spokesmen for business opinion like the Wall Street Journal, Journal of Commerce and Mark Sullivan of the New York Herald Tribune.

But this was not enough for the Ways and Means Committee. It left pretty much intact the tax concessions to corporations—and then did a job of giving tax relief to the beneficiaries of corporation dividends.

The low income taxpayer will get the same reduction urged by Vinson. The big taxpayer will get many times more. Vinson proposed for the man with a \$1,000,000 income a cut of a mere \$17,000 in taxes. The Republican plan approved in committee would give him \$90,000.

There has rarely been a more cynical performance by a Congressional committee—utter disregard of the needs of the people and scraping solicitude for the big corporations and the coupon clippers.

amortization. If a plant was used only for three years or 36 months, the corporation can write off the cost during this shortened period. And it can get refunds to cover the period during which it already paid taxes.

There is some difference among corporation tax experts on whether or not it is more profitable to use the speeded up amortization method or to use the regular 60-month period.

For corporations that made high profits during the war and paid substantial excess profits taxes each year, the speeded-up method is considered most advantageous.

But some corporations, skeptical of substantial cuts in corporate income taxes, prefer to continue taking their tax deductions for amortization during the next couple of years.

It is also argued that speeded-up amortization will tend to make profits look too big—and with unions scrutinizing corporation balance sheets closely this becomes a major consideration.

In any event, corporations seem well provided for by the government against any contingency. The new tax cuts approved by the Ways and Means Committee are just so much extra gravy.

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## Sgt. Kurzer Modest About Medals, Wounds--Proud of His Union Card

By LOUISE MITCHELL

Everything about Sgt. Herb Kurzer is husky except his willingness to talk about himself. The 27-year-old soldier came home after three and a half years wearing a husky load of medals.

When, as assistant manager of Local 125 Fur Floor and Shipping Clerks Union, he volunteered for the Army two days after Pearl Harbor, he led 100 men from his local to the recruiting office. He pared off 65 pounds in order to make the parachute requirements.

But try and get Herb to talk about his experiences. He lets his medals do that. Kurzer's ticket is his union card and shrapnel wounds. He wears the Bronze Star Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation and Cluster, the Purple Heart, the American Theater of Operations ribbon, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Paratrooper Badge, the European Theatre Ribbon with Four Campaign Stars, one Arrowhead for a jump in Normandy and the Belgium Fourriere de Guerre with Palm Leaf.

America has benefited from Kurzer's fighting experiences on the picket line. The strapping soldier, who has just been demobilized, is proof that this country's working men are its best defenders.

Kurzer was with the famous 101st Airborne Division, whose general told the Nazis off with "Nuts," and whose charter members call themselves the "battered bastards of Bastogne." He carried his parachute with him in England, France, Hol-



Sgt. HERB KURZER

land, Belgium, Germany, Austria and Luxembourg. He jumped into France seven hours before the Invasion and received his wounds in the Battle of the Bulge. He was in the final push in Germany, and was there when Julius Streicher was captured.

### A JOB TO RETURN TO

The warmth and friendliness of the French people struck him. As for the Germans, the less said...

"It's wonderful to be back in civilian life," says Herb. What

makes it even more wonderful, he emphasizes is to have a job to return to. The boys coming home, are worried about what is going to happen, he says. They don't want to sell apples.

"They all talk about what they are going to do when they get home and not many know," he declared.

Aside from his job, Herb hasn't any plans. He says he's "an eligible bachelor with a telephone number." What worries him most is that soldiers didn't get the real picture of labor's role in the war. Too many think that all labor leaders are like John L. Lewis. And there will be "powers which will try to use that against labor."

Of course, Herb, being a splendid unionist was afraid to pose the question from "a negative point of view," but still he said the problem is serious, perhaps more serious than civilians realize.

He feels that the GI Bill of Rights makes provisions for youngsters who want to go to school but older men "definitely deserve more than they get from that bill." The provisions on loans for homes, farms and business "are too full of red-tape."

Kurzer also thinks that mustering pay is insufficient.

"A man wants to come out of the army and have a good time and relax while they readjust themselves. The money is gone before you know it. The men want a bonus. They feel they deserve more than they are getting."

## Negro Press Lauds Ben Davis For Telling-Off Tory Rankin

The Negro press this week is unanimous in its praise of Ben Davis for his handling Mississippi's John Rankin at the recent witch-hunt hearing in Washington. The Chicago Defender, the Baltimore Afro-American, the Pittsburgh Courier and the People's Voice may be quoted as typical.

The top caption above a Defender photo of Davis, standing with his back to the Capitol building, reads "Ruffles Rankin." The bottom caption reads:

"Councilman Ben Davis, Harlem candidate for re-election, who gained support and prestige when New Yorkers learned that he was subpoenaed and quizzed by Representative Rankin of the House Committee on Un-American Activities."

The accompanying story declares that the calling of Davis to Washington had "boomeranged sharply in favor of the Harlem candidate for reelection." The story adds that "New York Negro and white voters throughout Manhattan have taken careful note of the fact that when fascist Rep. Rankin expressed his fear and hatred of the Negro peo-

ple through subpoenaing one of their representatives, it was Ben Davis he called to Washington."

"Davis' forthright denunciation of the white-supremacist and his allegation to the committee counsel that 'I have contempt for this whole proceeding' has shot the Councilman's prestige higher than ever in the metropolis," declares the Defender story.

The Afro-American, reporting the Davis-Rankin setto with immense gusto, quoted wires to Rankin's committee as declaring that it had "given the people of New York further reason to vote overwhelmingly for Benjamin J. Davis, the candidate of their choice."

### CRACKED JIMOROW

The Afro-American reports with unconcealed pride that the Negro Councilman while in Washington "obtained at the Roger Smith Hotel, which has never previously catered to colored."

"Ben Davis Muzzles Mississippi's Rankin" is the way the Courier headlines the story. This paper also carries Davis' picture on the front page.

The Courier story, distributed to the Negro press by the national Negro Publishers Association, details the facts of the abortive Washington hearing. The story is straight-forward, factual and distinctly friendly to the Councilman.

The Peoples Voice, declares that "the old red-baiting tune Martin Dies played so loud and long... faded away into an echo when it tried to drown out Benjamin J. Davis, Jr." The story makes a point of the fact that Davis received "more than 43,000 votes" in running for the New York Council, whereas Mississippi's John Rankin and Georgia's John S. Wood (chairman of the un-American committee), in their statewide elections, received less than 10,000 votes, since they come from one-party states where far, far less than one half of the population votes."

## 14,000 Frigidaire Workers at 4 GM Subsidiaries in Dayton on Strike

Special to the Daily Worker

DAYTON, O., Oct. 5. — Fourteen thousand Frigidaire workers are already on strike here at the four General Motors subsidiary plants which are completely shut down.

The strike began Monday after a general membership meeting of Local 801, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO Mas picketing has been conducted throughout a week that was rainy and cold.

Immediate cause of the strike was the suspension of four union leaders.

### 35 PERCENT CUT

Actually the strike is the culmination of a long period of com-

pany attacks in the form of lowering wage rates, and victimization of active union workers. Workers charge that, since the end of the war, they have taken a 35 percent wage cut, as a result of the company's setting new impossibly high quotas for their "wage incentive" system. Workers find themselves unable even to achieve the basic rates set under the incentive system.

The company is further charged with unfair treatment to returning war veterans regarding work shifts and assignment of jobs.

Last week a spontaneous work stoppage occurred in one of the de-

partments. As a result of this, a steward, a shop committeeman, and a chief steward were "indefinitely suspended" by the company. The same day a steward of another department was attacked on the plant grounds by a company stooge. The steward won the fight, but lost the second round when he received an "indefinite suspension" from the company. The suspension of these men was followed by a union meeting and the strike vote.

Union demands, while not yet fully formulated, are expected to include reinstatement of the workers, revision of incentive pay rates, no discrimination against veterans.

## Dewey Appointee Admits 'Simplified' State Tax a Flop

Gov. Dewey's vaunted income tax simplification is a flop, according to the man who is in the best position to know. He is Rollin Browne, who was president of the State Tax Commission until June 30, when he resigned. He was appointed to the job by Dewey in February, 1943.

The Governor has been parading tax simplification as one of the accomplishments of his administration. Browne, in his final report to Gov. Dewey earlier this week, said that efforts to simplify and improve the state income tax system were "far from satisfactory."

Discussing efficiency, another of Dewey's boasts, Browne said he could not report "any outstanding achievements in administrative efficiency."

The report revealed that state revenues had gone up enormously during the war years. Over-all income in the fiscal year ending April 30, 1945, was \$600,000,000 as compared with \$450,000,000 in 1941-42. At that time, income had already risen considerably over earlier years.

### HOLDS FUNDS

Despite the rise in state income and reduction in expenditures, Dewey has thus far failed to budge on demands that the state's accumulated surplus be used to aid demobilized veterans, expand needed social services and aid local communities, many of which are strapped for funds, to build public works.

Browne recommended elimination of the state income tax on the grounds that many of the sums were so small as to constitute a greater burden in collection than they were worth.

A suggested alternative solution to that offered by Browne was to raise exemptions so as to eliminate the small taxpayers, and to increase the rates on big incomes. That would get rid of the small payments and make income tax receipts worthwhile.

### 30 Nations Ratify UNO Charter

LONDON, Oct. 5 (UP). — Thirty countries—one more than necessary to bring it into being—have ratified the charter of the new United Nations Organization, Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., announced today.

## AYD Brands Hearst Slander

The American Youth for Democracy yesterday branded as a "typical Hearst lie" the Daily Mirror story on the football strikes and the incident at Benjamin Franklin High School.

The story, appearing on Oct. 1, accused the AYD of "inciting" high school students on these occasions.

AYD pointed out that while it understood the cause for the football strikes as representing "justifiable student concern" over an athletic program, it encouraged students to return to school. The AYD urged students to express themselves through organized channels like school assemblies, in letters to the Mayor and superintendent of schools, and in delegations expressing student opinion.

The Hearst paper obscures the real issues involved by associating these strikes with the Benjamin Franklin High School incident, AYD further charged. This is an attempt to "cast a smokescreen over the real problems of interracial tension in the East Harlem community which requires a coordinated program by the City, Board of Education and community," the youth group declared.

"Moreover," says the AYD, "it evades the problem we face in our city of organized fascist activity in the community, as well as the continued activity of the teacher, Mac Quinn, in the school system and Patrolman Drew in the police force."

### Guatemala Army Plot Reported and Denied

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 5 (UP). — Travelers from Guatemala tonight said the government of Dr. Juan Jose Arevalo had crushed a military plot to overthrow his government. The Guatemalan embassy in Mexico said the report was "ridiculous." The Embassy had received no official word from the Arevalo government, a spokesman said.

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### Izvestia and Mr. Byrnes

THE Soviet government newspaper Izvestia gives a solemn warning that the policies of the United States and Great Britain, as expressed by the Byrnes and Bevin performance in London, are "shaking the foundations" of the United Nations.

These are not idle words. We know that the Soviet press uses such language very precisely and very deliberately. Every American, who has his country's future at heart, must rouse himself to realize that the policy of the United States has placed the whole structure of the peace in crisis.

It is perfectly plain that the idea of a general peace conference in which all the smaller nations would be invited is only a cover for the same kind of anti-Soviet bloc that the State Department attempted to build (behind the scenes) at the San Francisco conference.

While there can be no objection to consulting the smaller allies, it is an illusion to think that they can write the peace unless the great powers are united on policy.

The great powers were united at Potsdam, in a written agreement. Mr. Byrnes and Mr. Bevin torpedoed that agreement at the London conference. In so doing the State Department demonstrated that it resists the idea of great power unity, without which the United Nations is a pure illusion.

Why? Because the State Department is operating in the interests of an arrogant and vain imperialism, which is trying to achieve nothing less than the domination of the entire world.

The drive of American Big Business for markets, for political domination in Europe and Asia, the drive to isolate the Soviet Union and to undermine the democratic forces is responsible for this crisis.

#### Atomic Power Club

If any further evidence were needed, we have it in the unsatisfactory attitude of Mr. Truman toward the control of atomic power. It is not enough to set up another commission, to "license" the use of atomic engineering secrets. The issue is to internationalize control of this weapon.

And the President's refusal to meet this issue squarely can only mean that the United States hopes (and stupidly expects) to dominate the world with this bomb. This is harsh language, but the situation calls for it.

And what is the alternative to cooperation with the Soviet Union, recognizing her as the great power that she is? Gen. De Gaulle implied this alternative in a strange and dangerous speech in the Saar.

De Gaulle called for a reconciliation with the Germans; he appealed to them as "Europeans and westerners." This, too, has an unmistakable meaning.

#### Western Bloc Policy

De Gaulle proposes a "western bloc" against the Soviet Union, which can only function by rebuilding German power. Such a bloc would be a mortal menace to the people of France (who must settle their own scores with De Gaulle), but it would likewise menace the United States, not to speak of the peoples of Europe, including the Soviet Union.

Is this where the State Department's anti-Soviet course is leading? Will Mr. Byrnes dare to defend this policy openly before the American people?

Nor is there any doubt where responsibility lies for the weakening of Soviet-American ties. It does not lie in Mr. Molotov's forthright behavior; it does not lie in problems of procedure, or lack of technical competence in the State Department.

It lies in the pressure of American Big Business to knife the purposes for which this war was fought. Mr. Henry Morgenthau, who should know what he is talking about, calls a spade a spade in his new book, and in his statement on Thursday. Powerful military and business circles are bent on evading the destruction of fascism—that is the heart of it.

And that is the heart of it in Asia also. For despite Gen. MacArthur's belated readiness to release Japanese democrats from Hirohito's jails and despite the resignation of the Japanese cabinet, American policy is still based on preventing a drastic, anti-feudal change in Japan. It is for such a change that we need a genuine four-power control council in Japan.

True, Americans are overwhelmed by domestic issues, but they must not lose sight of the connection with foreign affairs. The time has come for a complete change, a return to the basic policies of genuine cooperation with the Soviet Union as established by the late President Roosevelt. For this the people voted last November. This they must rise up to demand.



— Between the Lines —

### Letter to Mr. Byrnes

by "Joe Doaks" per J. Starobin

The Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I was glad to see that you decided to go on the radio, Mr. Secretary, because there are a lot of things the American people don't understand about that bust-up in London.

And I would say frankly that I am writing this letter the night before you talk because I think we Americans have a word or two to put in before we hear what the Department of State has to say for itself.

Permit me to recall, Mr. Secretary, that your distinguished predecessor, Edward R. Stettinius, had a similar run-in with the Russians last Spring. He also went on the radio in the middle of the performance.

As I remember it, your distinguished predecessor was trying to seat a country called Argentina in the United Nations Organization. And the argument given was that we had pledged at a previous conference, in Mexico City, to seat these Argentines.

And the argument ran further that our other allies—in Latin America—were just aching to seat Argentina, and the Department of State considered it more important to satisfy their alleged aches than to work together with Soviet Russia.

Well, frankly, Mr. Secretary the American people have a lot to learn, and right now they are very busy trying to maintain their standard of living, as the late President Roosevelt thought they should after the war. But they aren't so dumb as not to be able to put two and two together and count four.

Because in the same week that you were having such difficulties getting along with Mr. Molotov—on the same grounds as Mr. Stettinius, namely, the need for doing right by all the small nations—it seems that your Department of State was having some trouble with Argentina.

It seems that you can't call a meeting of the American Republics in Rio de Janeiro because you don't dare sign a hemisphere assistance pact with a country like Argentina, even though you and your friends insisted on seating

this very same Argentina six months ago and were ready to risk a quarrel with Soviet Russia.

This all makes humble Americans like me feel that you men in the Department of State are making monkeys out of the United States of America, which doesn't belong to you but to all of us. Mr. Stettinius had to pay for his behavior by giving up the job. Americans are thinking that you might have made a better judge in the Supreme Court.

After all, Mr. Secretary, the Russians were a hundred percent right about Argentina, and your Department had to admit that only this week.

We remember also that the Department of State found it hard to make up their minds about just what the Yalta agreement meant with reference to Poland last Spring. So you broke off negotiations with Russia at that time, and the papers raised a big smell against Russia and the radio went wild.

But the fact is that you finally settled for a government in Poland on the same basis that the Russians were ready to settle in the first place. I wonder whether you are not in exactly the same jam now, after the deadlock of the foreign ministers in London?

And where are you now, Mr. Secretary? The Soviet Union tells us they are quite ready to have a general international conference but they want the treaties of peace to be negotiated by the countries who signed the surrender. They say that Mr. Truman and Mr. Stalin and Mr. Attlee agreed on that last July, and the Russians don't sign agreements only to break them.

Frankly, this doesn't seem so unreasonable to many Americans. We have been told for some years that peace depends on the Big Three; we know that none of the smaller countries could have won the war by themselves unless the Big Three were in there fighting together.

Exactly why have you got to have a lot of the smaller nations

in the negotiations of these treaties, especially after you yourself agreed not to have them?

Really, where are you, Mr. Byrnes? The world is not coming to an end just because there is no treaty with Bulgaria and Romania (and incidentally why are these countries so different from Hungary, which you are ready to recognize? According to Clare Boothe Luce, there are a lot of Communists in Hungary, too).

The whole thing doesn't make sense, but it does make you look a little silly. Because there you were with the atom bomb and everything, and Mr. Bevin rubbing his hands in satisfaction behind your shoulder. And yet this fellow Molotov took no guff from either of you, and went about his business.

I tell you, we Americans like this fellow Molotov. If he took you all down a peg or two, maybe he's got something.

Anyway, do you seriously propose to endanger good relations with the second most powerful country in the world, which is ready to buy six billion dollars of our goods on credit which any banker would be glad to give considering the investment?

Do you seriously propose to inflame the American people against Russia just because the prime minister of Bulgaria parts his hair a little "left of center?"

It doesn't escape the attention of a Democratic voter like me that the only happy man in this picture is John Foster Dulles, the man who would have had your job if Mr. Dewey had been elected.

I hope you will show this letter to Harry, because 1946 and 1948 are not so far away, and Americans are not such dopes the way the newspapers and radios seem to think from the stuff they keep trying to put over.

Thought you would like these sentiments from a humble citizen. If I'm wrong you'll have to show me, because I'm from Missouri, too.

Yours Very Truly,  
JOE DOAKS.

### Worth Repeating

A JAPANESE LIBERAL'S DEATH in prison was scored by Estelle Sternberger, speaking over station WLIB Monday, when she said: If Gen. MacArthur, under the Potsdam terms, has the right to break through the doors of Japan's financial institutions and to open its vaults, he surely has the right to break down the front doors of the jails that hold the men and women whose liberal thinking can alone lead the people of Japan to an honest form of democracy.



# Today's Guest Column

THE problem regarding Japan can be posed this way. First, it is necessary to break the autocratic rule of the monopolists, militarists, feudal princes and Emperor. This requires a bold and decisive policy on the part of the United Nations. Unfortunately MacArthur is doing the very opposite. He is actually strengthening the Japanese ruling class by helping them through the crisis caused by military defeat.

The second part of the Japanese problem is to encourage the growth of democratic Japanese elements, to place them in positions of authority under United Nations supervision, and eventually to turn over to them full conduct of the nation's affairs. Where are these democratic elements to be found? Who are they?

The place to look for them, obviously, is among those classes of the population exploited and impoverished by the feudal-capitalist oligarchy which led Japan to fascism and to war. Those classes include a wide sector of the Japanese population: small businessmen, tenant farmers, small independent landowners, some among the students and intellectual classes, many professionals, and the city proletariat.



by Frederick V. Field

Only sections of these groups ever became organized. The intimidations of the autocracy confused and terrorized the majority of people. Yet it is from among the pre-war people's organizations that we must today find the nucleus of a new Japanese leadership. The trade unions are a case in point.

There are two easily available sources on the Japanese trade unions. One, which sells for only 10 cents, is "Know Your Enemy, Japan!" by Anthony Jenkinson, published by the American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations. The other is the recently published book by Andrew Roth, "Dilemma in Japan," which contains a whole chapter on the history of Japanese labor.

THE trade union movement was never strong in Japan. The power and brutality of the rulers and the feudal background of the peasantry, from which labor was drawn, made labor organization difficult. At the numerical height of the movement, in 1937, there were only 973 unions with a total membership of 605,000, representing 6.9 percent of the workers. Fewer than 2 percent of the miners were organized and only 5.7 percent of the factory workers. Women workers who comprised 83 percent of the labor force in textiles were scarcely organized at all.

## Democratic Elements in Japan

In looking for signs of genuine democracy in Japan we have to discount the leadership of a large section of these small numbers. The largest pre-war labor federation, the Guild Federation of Japanese Labor, which in 1935 claimed 70 percent of organized labor, was a politically corrupt Social Democratic outfit whose leader at that time raised the cry, "We must endure wage cuts with tears in our eyes and attempt to decrease the layoffs of 30 workers to 20."

A second pre-war labor group was composed of "patriotic" or fascist unions. It pioneered the war for the government-sponsored Japanese Patriotic Industrial Society patterned on the Nazi model.

ONLY two groups, the National Council of Japan's Trade Unions and the General Federation of Japanese Transport Workers, numbering around 35,000 between them, and known as the "legal left," constituted a genuine, democratic trade union movement. Kanju Kato, after being elected to the Diet in 1936 and 1937 by the Proletarian Party, was jailed for opposing the China war at the end of the latter year. This week's dispatches from Tokyo indicate he has now been liberated.

We'll be getting somewhere in Japan when democratic leaders like Kanju Kato are placed in positions of authority. But MacArthur seems to prefer the pro-fascist nobility.

## Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

### Drinking Is Evil For Workers

Stillwater, Minn.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

While I agree with Comrade Mike Gold in his article on "Blame It All On Demon Rum" there is one point he fails to note and I find few who stress it and that is that a drunken workers' body and I think the same is true of a legislative body, is more easily handled than the same would be if sober. I read an article on liquor which said, "A thinking driver does not drink and a drinking driver does not think."

This might well read worker for driver.

I think the Bosses realize these facts much more than the workers do and I think that has had as much to do with keeping this cursed liquor business going as the enormous profits have.

M. T. M.

### Pacific Soldiers Discuss Draft

Okinawa.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

The fight over the draft continuance is big news here. Everybody with whom I have talked hopes that it will be continued. They are pretty sure that if it is not continued, they will be away from home for that much longer. The consensus of opinion is that an army of occupation can not be made up of volunteers in the army, that the only way to get replacements for us is to continue drafting. Either that, or we will get a dirty deal, remaining over here for at least 2 and a half years, whereas with replacements, 12 to 18 months at most for everybody.

A lot of the boys here have been in the army 3 and 4 years (in the States) and would like to get out as soon as possible.

Pvt. M. S.

### We Are Entitled To a People's Peace

Manhattan.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

After reading accounts of the Conference of Foreign Ministers, I am writing this letter to the only paper I know will print it. "History repeats itself," wrote Marx, "first as tragedy, then as farce."

Those reactionaries who cry loudest about Soviet Union interference in internal affairs of other countries and who sent armies into the Soviet Union in its very inception to do what Hitler and Mussolini did to Spain, and Churchill, to Greece, which were not Soviet but too democratic; these same reactionaries are now so visibly disturbed because the Soviet Union is still the Soviet Union and cannot be beaten into submission to their iron imperialist peace.

Thanks be to the Soviet Union for its Molotov, its Stalin. The whole working class of the world can be proud and grateful to such leaders, who will not sell out peace; and whose very example and inspiration is making bold the stand of the peoples of Europe, of the Balkans particularly.

We paid a price and are entitled to collect a peoples peace and security!

MARSHALL WARSHAW

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## Views On Labor News

PITTSBURGH

JOHN L. LEWIS' main attention these days is directed to the supervisory staffs at the coal mines. The idleness in the coal fields now affecting well over 125,000 miners is a result of a drive to force recognition for the District 50 division of mine foremen and their staffs.

One hears a great deal on what Lewis' object is, since the UMWA chief was never noted for his concern of the foremen who today, as for many years in the past, have serious and legitimate grievances. One common opinion holds that Lewis wants a superstructure of key people in a separate organization which he could wield effectively as a weapon to maintain machine control.

But whether mine foremen will lend themselves for that sort of a role, and irrespective of the usual squabbles between workers and foremen, the miners are backing the strike. They view it as an outlet for the same kind of pent-up indignation that is being released in many industries throughout the country. One might say that coal miners haven't much pent-up strike energy left since they released it quite frequently during the war. But the indignation is there because the coal miners find that violation of the no-strike pledge didn't pay. They are left holding a bag that isn't full at all.

I spent some time in the Washington



by George Morris

County area looking up coal miners and collecting samples of their weekly pay statements. The miner is supposed to earn a base pay of \$63.50 for a six-day, 54-hour week. He doesn't make it—he is a machine operator, hand-loader, day or tonnage worker. But what is most serious is the fact that the base one dollar per hour scale hasn't been raised since 1941. Lewis won a higher take-home pay for the coal miners by arranging that they work themselves ragged.

FIFTY-FOUR hours a week is a strain in any industry. In a coal mine it is the road to the scrap-heap. Even in "prewar days, when coal mining at 35 hours a week went steady for a while, it was a strain on a miner. But most miners usually enjoyed involuntary and at time lengthy vacations or long stretches of two and three days weekly. The swing of almost ceaseless work through the war has also brought with it a higher level of productivity—a higher mark that the coal miner must shoot at now. And today, the miners tell me, it is getting still tougher. Veterans and workers of shutdown war plants are returning in large numbers. Foremen (even though they wear District 50 buttons) push harder, pleading that they are pushed.

When a miner works on a tonnage basis, he has mainly a peace-work incentive to drive him. But the day worker, as the miner is becoming increasingly, is under the watchful eye of a production driver. Mechaniza-

## What the Coal Miners Are Thinking of Now

tion is proceeding now in the mines at an unprecedented rate. Even the small "family" mines are introducing machinery. Oldsters whom the coal companies suddenly rediscovered when the manpower pinch began, are now counting their last days in a coal mine.

All this adds up to the main issue in the coal fields—the return to the 35-hour week. Some of the locals are taking votes now to get back to five days, regardless of the pay consequences. But in the union generally the question is: to continue 54 hours a week and head for the scrap-heap or getting down to \$35 a week minus deductions?

IRONICALLY, the coal miners received their answer from the competitive oil fields, whose workers are only partially organized and quite new to unionism. Those workers drove their scale up to a \$1.27 hourly average and they raised the slogan of "52 weeks pay for 40." They have reached the point of forcing an offer of 15 percent but are determined to get an even better one.

Taking stock of his own condition, the coal miner finds himself still at the base rate pay of four years ago and considerably worn physically. But the biggest price the miner paid is when he let Lewis snuff out the political life of a mining town. The union hall is usually as barren these days as an abandoned coal pit. The regular meetings, once an expression of the dynamic spirit of the miners, seldom now attract more than a quorum.

## Housing Shortages And Price Control

talk a lot about low-cost homes and will project various voluntary programs for holding down building prices. (See, for example, the fine words on the subject contained in Director Snyder's report last Monday). But speculative builders will ignore the government's pleas and go right ahead building what people in the upper class can pay for in the way of higher-priced homes.

Unless price control is kept on new dwellings, it will be impossible to maintain rent control, the keystone of the government's economic stabilization program.

BOWLES is now trying to get Congress to give OPA specific authority to freeze all house and real estate prices at roughly present levels. These levels would thus be maintained until shortages of building materials taper off and construction matches up with the tremendous deferred housing demand. The present prospect is that unless Bowles is given much greater support by the people Congress will refuse to pass any such law.

"The right of every family to a decent home" was recognized by the late President Roosevelt in his economic bill of rights, January, 1944, when he outlined a new basis of security and prosperity for all. If every family in the United States is to have a decent home, progressive and labor organizations point out, private construction must be supplemented by a lot of low-rent public housing. (See our new Labor Fact Book 7, for AFL and CIO housing programs).

## Economic Issues

HOMELESS veterans in New York the other day asked permission to pitch their pup tents in Central Park but city authorities turned down their request. In this area and in many other industrial centers, men who have lived in fox-holes can find no place to settle down and make a home.

Discussing the high prices on current building, Price Administrator Bowles declared that the home provisions of the GI Bill of Rights had been made a "mockery" by the inflated prices now being charged for homes. He continued: "Few returning veterans have been able to find homes where current prices could meet the test of 'reasonable normal value' required by the GI Bill of Rights."

Yet on Sept. 18, the Administration in Washington killed price control on new housing. The combined real estate interests of the country and the speculative builders won a victory over the people when Reconversion Director John W. Snyder overruled Bowles on this matter.

Construction order L-41, which fixed price ceilings on new housing, was cancelled by Snyder's ruling. From Oct. 15 on, the home buyer will pay what the promoters and private builders choose to charge him for a new house;

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and rent ceilings will be no longer set on new housing.

This victory for the inflationists was put through by the powerful Washington lobby, the National Association of Real Estate Boards. And the weakening economic stabilization line of the Truman Administration made it possible.

Lifting of controls would stimulate a mad scramble for materials, Bowles showed. It would also cause inventories to be hoarded and thus interfere with the building of lower-priced housing—the kind the veterans need—and stimulate still further rises in prices. And in the scramble for scarce materials the big builders are likely to get preference over small ones.

CIO's housing department expresses what progressive and consumer circles are feeling. The CIO spokesman points out that ending price control would launch the country "on a new boom and bust cycle. It means that few houses will be built in the price range which middle and lower-income people can afford. . . . It means more pressure from landlords to get OPA to agree to higher rents. It means black markets in building materials and a big drive to take price ceilings off building materials."

One of the Washington business letters predicted recently that the government will





# Byrnes Talk Evades Violation of Potsdam

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, admitting that the London foreign ministers conference ended in a stalemate, tonight tried to put the blame on the Soviet representatives.

Evading the question of his stand in violation of the Potsdam agreement, Byrnes went into detail on the dispute between the United States and Great Britain on one side and Soviet Russia on the other over the question of peace-making by the Big Three or by additional "small countries."

"The United States is willing to dictate terms of peace to an enemy, but is not willing to dictate terms of peace to its Allies," he said in attempted defense of the American position which would have brought France and China into the discus-

sion of peace treaties for countries in the Balkans and eastern Europe. The Soviet Union, he asserted, insisted that France and China be excluded from discussion of treaties involving eastern European countries.

"The matter that caused the suspension of our work is no trivial or technical question," Byrnes said. "It presented an issue that had to be met. It is whether the peace shall be made by three or even five nations to the exclusion of other nations vitally concerned in the maintenance and enforcement of the peace which is being prepared."

## Refuse to Speed Labor-Management Parley

Special to the Daily Worker

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Sen. Lewis Schwellenbach announced tonight that the proposed labor-management conference would be held here as scheduled, Nov. 5, despite the demand of Ira Mosher, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, that the date be advanced on account of the strike situation.

Schwellenbach said that Mosher's demand was rejected at a meeting of AFL, CIO and industry conferees, who were making plans for the Nov. 5 meeting at the Labor Department Building today.

## Argentine Cops Gas Students' Mothers

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 5 (UP).—A crowd of mothers and relatives of some 2,000 arrested Buenos Aires university students was dispersed tonight by police, using tear gas, after they gathered before the government house to ask the release of the students.

Argentine police throughout the day transferred hundreds of students from the university to various jails after battering down doors and invading buildings where the students had barricaded themselves as part of a protest demonstration against Argentina's military regime.

## O'Dwyer Backs Labor's Aims

Pledging to fight for the gains of union labor, Gen. William F. O'Dwyer told the Central Trades and Labor Council, AFL, last night that the city would have to do its utmost for full employment.

He promised his best efforts in that direction if elected Mayor and stressed that federal aid was essential to the success of the city's program in that respect.

To the delegates he said in part: "I have said before and I will repeat it again that we must have full employment—I must insist that full employment is necessary to the maintenance of our national and local economy. You cannot have a healthy economic and social condition with many people unemployed. "No city, no state can meet wholesale unemployment problems without the assistance of the federal government. If the day should arrive when this city needs federal assistance, I will have no hesitancy seeking it. In this cosmopolitan city every man has a right to free and equal opportunity for employment. That's another problem to which I have committed myself."

## Chile Delegates Here En Route to Paris

A four-man Chilean labor delegation to the World Federation of Trade Unions arrived here yesterday en route to the Paris meeting. They are Juan Vargas Puebla of the Construction Workers, Guillermo Sanchez of the Railroad Workers, Albino Barra of the Woodworkers, and Bernard Ibanez, CIOH secretary, all leaders of the Chilean Confederation of Labor.

A Peruvian delegation arrived at the same time and also hopes to reach Paris by plane early next week.

## Press Cleanup of Sicily Separatists

ROME, Oct. 5 (UP).—Italian authorities in Sicily today pressed the cleanup of city and village headquarters of the Sicilian separatist movement whose leader, Andrea Finocchiaro Aprile, was jailed Sunday. The newspaper Libera Stampa reported Aprile was on a hunger strike in prison.

Offices and former meeting places of the organization were turned over to the poor and to war refugees.

# Anti-Semitism to Be Outlawed In Poland; Probe Outbreaks

LONDON, Oct. 5 (UP).—Anti-Semitic acts will become a punishable crime in Poland under a new law to be discussed at the next session of the National Council in Poland, sources close to the Warsaw government said today.

A move to outlaw anti-Semitism would curb such incidents as have occurred in Cracow, Warsaw and other Polish cities recently in which Jews

have been attacked and their property damaged or destroyed, it was said.

A special parliamentary commission has been appointed to investigate the latest anti-Jewish demonstrations and several arrests have been made. The police reportedly have been instructed to intervene without delay.

# Belsen SS Woman Admits Whipping Starved Prisoners



IRMA GRESE Confesses Atrocities

LUENEBURG, Oct. 5 (UP).—Irma Grese, 21, an SS woman, confessed innumerable concentration camp atrocities and said "everyone in the SS is as guilty as anybody else," it was revealed today.

Her written confessions were read to a British military court trying her and 44 other Nazi concentration camp officials. As they were read, she bowed her head in the prisoners' dock, and bit her lips.

Her confessions were made over a period of a month. They admitted mass slaughters in the gas chamber at Oswiecim concentration camp and said the SS there and at Belsen camp committed murder many times.

In one confession, read by prosecutor Col. T. M. Backhouse over the protests of defense attorneys, she admitted having whipped starving prisoners.

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WILLIAM FRANKFORT, president of Local 39, UOPWA, will speak on the City and State elections, candidates, the issues, and the role of labor. Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave., cor. 18 St. Sunday, 50¢.

BEN DAVIS PARTY, Sunday at Thomas Jefferson Club, 201 W. 72nd St. Room 216. Entertainment, refreshments, dancing. Adm. \$1, servicemen and veterans 50¢. 5:30 p. m.

MEET YOUR FRIENDS in Harlem, tomorrow night at a Registration Dance at Club Danceland, 322 W. 125 St. Honor Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., Sgt. Howard "Stretch" Johnson and George Blake. Entertainment by Sammie Price and other stars. J. White and Paramount Stompers. 7 p. m. until. Tickets \$1. Lincoln-Douglas Club.

### Tomorrow Bronx

MIKE GOLD speaks in Bronx Culture Center, 1753 Boston Road, Sunday. Topic: "The Atomic Bomb and the World Peace." 8 p. m.

### Coming

SOCIAL SATIRE will be the keynote of the entertainment at the new "Ches When" night spot which opens Friday night, Oct. 12, featuring Bernie Horne, comedian, Millie Weitz and Muriel Gaines in a one-hour floor show plus dancing and drinks at moderate prices. Meet the celebrities opening night. Admission, except Saturday, \$1, plus tax. Saturdays, \$1.25 plus tax. Royal Palm Room, 110 W. 43 St. For reservations, LA. 4-3938.

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## Aussie Dockers Bar Gold to Dutch Indies

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5 (UP).—Melbourne Radio said yesterday that transport workers refused to move gold bullion from a Sydney bank to the Dutch ship "Japara" for shipment to the Indies because the gold might be used to finance moves against the Indonesian republican movement.

In Melbourne, members of the Federated Iron Workers Association refused to do repair work on the Dutch ship "Merak," announcing they would not work on any ship "intended to carry arms to the Dutch."

## Nimitz Given Great Welcome in Capital

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5 (UP).—The nation's capital today thundered a well done to Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, who fashioned the world's greatest fleet from the shambles of Pearl Harbor and led it to victory in Tokyo Bay.

Humbly accepting a hero's welcome accorded by President Truman, Congress and a cheering crowd of more than 1,000,000, the white-haired Texan warned that never again must the nation be caught unprepared.

"I pray that we pledge ourselves to remain strong in order that we may continue to live as free men," he said.

He reminded a joint session of Congress of the grim price paid for unpreparedness in this war—"the men who will forever sleep beneath the lonely palms of uncounted Pacific isles, men who will stand

their eternal watch at sea as long as time goes on."

Leaving the Capitol, he headed a triumphant parade down bedecked Pennsylvania Avenue—"The Avenue of Heroes"—past the White House and on to the sweeping lawn before the stately Washington monument where he told cheering throngs that the atomic bomb has made sea power even more vital to national defense.

He went next to a White House reception where he received from Mr. Truman a Gold Star in lieu of a third Distinguished Service Medal. He also was guest of honor at a formal banquet.

## Egyptian Leader Demands British Troops Leave Country

LONDON, Oct. 5 (UP).—Mahmoud Riaz Bey, chairman of the Egyptian Chamber of Deputies' Foreign Affairs Committee, demanded today that British troops leave Egypt and that the people of such Italian colonies as Libya be allowed to determine their own future.

"The people of Egypt do not want to impede the security of the British empire," he said at a press conference, "but all Egyptian parties desire the ultimate evacuation of British troops."

He suggested that a scheme be worked out by which Libya eventually would be independent or able to join any country she wishes, and added, "It is the will of the

people there which must ultimately decide" her future.

### Cairo Students to Demonstrate Today

CAIRO, Oct. 5 (UP).—British military authorities are expected to place Cairo out of bounds for British troops tomorrow effective at 6 a.m., reliable reports said today. American military authorities may take similar measures.

Students plan to stage mass demonstrations tomorrow, the first day of the academic year. They will demand stepping up of evacuation of foreign troops, and fulfillment of national aspirations toward full independence by a revision of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty.

## British Dock Workers Defy Union Heads

LONDON, Oct. 5 (UP).—The strike of 18,000 longshoremen at Liverpool and Hull developed into a battle for control of the dock workers' union as another in a long series of conferences ended in deadlock tonight.

Seventy cargo ships, loaded with wheat, sugar and phosphates, are tied up at the two ports by the eight-day-old walkouts, which continue in defiance of the union leadership.

Two thousand dock workers at Birkenhead, who touched off the strike, have agreed to return to work. But this was offset by a sympathy strike at Hull.

## Find Japanese Loot in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Oct. 5 (UP).—A Japanese treasure of gold, silver and banknotes, valued at more than \$1,000,000,000 in Chinese currency, has been seized by the 3rd area Army, military authorities announced today.

Included in the hoard were many old Chinese silver dollars, each worth 170 times its current monetary value, and nearly 2,000 ounces of gold. A number of Chinese gold unit notes, supposedly circulated only in the unoccupied areas of China during the war, were also among the treasure.

### Retail Local 830 Backs CIO Endorsees

Retail and Wholesale Employees Local 830, CIO, at a membership meeting held last night at Tom Mooney Hall voted overwhelmingly to support the CIO Council endorsed candidates for Mayor and City Council.

The action followed a report by Sam Nesin, Chairman of the local's Political Action Committee and a speech by Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr.

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# Cubs Win 3-0 on Passeau's 1-Hitter

## FROM THE PRESS BOX

Passeau, Pafko, Cavarretta,  
All Artists

By C. E. Dexter

DETROIT, Oct. 5.—When Robert Cassadesus' fingers thunder on a grand piano, when Marian Anderson sings, ah there, my friends, is beauty. And when a ball team plays with smooth artistry, making each double play look like a curve captured in marble by some long forgotten Grecian sculptor, there, too, is beauty.

This season there's been darned little beauty on the diamond. It is pleasant, therefore, to report that the Chicago Cubs include among their assorted athletes several artists. That Andy Pafko, for example . . . that Peanuts Lowrey . . . that Phil Cavarretta.

And, of course, that Claude Passeau.

Pafko plays the outfield as if he was born under heaven full of hard-hit balls. He runs to his left, right, backwards and forwards like a gazelle on roller skates. Take the fourth inning of today's game as an illustration of what I mean. Roger Cramer lined one in Andy's general direction. It could have been a solid two-base hit. But Andy, with second sense, ran back, swiveled, faced the stands and there was the ball coming at him waist high. Andy is an artist.

Peanuts Lowrey in left field is less spectacular than Pafko. But he does a nice bit of miniature painting of his own, using speed, judgement and a tendency to scoop ground balls out of the grass like Pa dipping a ladle into ma's soup toureen at Sunday dinner.

Cavarretta, on the other hand, is an artist in the grand manner. Like Bill Gropper he can do everything with his materials from a mural to a satiric cartoon. Thus he satirizes Rudy York's clumsy play at first base with headfirst dives which block potential singles and doubles. He runs the bases much as Rex Mays drives a high-speed motor car and wallops mighty, extra base hits with the persistence of a piston.

As for Claude Passeau, his one-hitter against the Tigers today was a masterpiece. Claude, who began life as a feeble Philly, has been winning ball games with machine-like ease since he arrived in Chicago in 1939. He's fast, accurate, poised, easy on the fans' eyes, but not on the enemy's batters.

Today, hurling his first World Series game, he Hiroshimaed the Tigers. Except for a fair-sized blow to left field by Rudy York in the second and a walk to Bob Swift in the sixth, the mighty men of Detroit vainly waved toothpick bats at his offerings. Only 28 hitters, one more than the legal minimum, faced him. He fanned none—another remarkable example of how a true artist subtly wields a white-wash brush.

Perhaps the gods of baseball were good to Claude. The bluish, dismal atmosphere shielded his fast ball so that it looked like a mib from junior's collection as it whizzed by them. To watch his smooth classical motion was almost like watching Pavlova dance, Sonja Henie skate.

When you realize that no other human being, not even Matty, Johnson, Alexander, Grove, Gomez or Ruffing has tossed a series one-hitter in 39 years, you get what I mean.

If Claude's wasn't sheer baseball art, then I want to know what is. . . Even Detroit's partisan rooters admitted as much when they handed him an ovation as he came to bat in the ninth inning.

## Tigers Count on Dizzy Trout

By C. E. DEXTER

DETROIT, Oct. 5.—Although Chicago's Cubs hold a two to one edge over the Detroit Tigers tonight, wise guys are saying that the Chicagoans had better watch out. For Manager O'Neill still has three powerful aces to play in his coming efforts to stave off World Series defeat for his Bengals.

The aces are, in the order in which they are expected to be dropped from Steve's sleeve, Dizzy Trout, Hal Newhouser and Virgil Trucks. Trout will face 39-year old Prim in tomorrow's encounter at Wrigley Field. Bespectacled Dix' nearly threw his arm out last month when Newhouser was invalidated with a bad back. Pitching almost every day, he won vital games but became so arm-weary that O'Neill was forced to give him a rest.

Now, however, he is fresh, and if his mates aid him, he should overpower ancient Prim to even the series. Newhouser is favored to lick Borowy on Sunday. And if he does, the dangerous Trucks will be ready.

Of course, the Tigers must wake up from their nap. In the decisive fourth inning today, little weaknesses plagued the Detroiters. Greenberg played Lowrey's double against the wall instead of on the rebound. Sharp fielding might have held the hit to one base. Cavarretta's sacrifice bunt was poorly aimed.

Overmire scooped it up and threw to first when he had a better than even chance of forcing Lowrey at third. A catlike, nervy pitcher, Freddie Fitzsimmons of old, for one, would have tried for the big out. These were minor details but important. Lowrey scored and the Cubs went on to add a second tally on a walk and two singles.

As for the Cubs—in the Tiger fourth Mayo drove a hard hit ball to Cavarretta's right. Phil flung himself at it, stopped it and tossed Eddie out while lying on his side. Cramer smashed a screeching arched liner toward Pafko, who ran back as if he owned the real estate on which the ball would land and grabbed it with ease.

Of course, the Tigers never had a chance to win, for only two Detroiters reached first base. All hope vanished as O'Neill removed Overmire for a futile pinch hitter in the sixth. Bob Swift had walked and the pinchers, Hub Walker, promptly hit into a double play.

Overmire had given only four hits at the time. There was a possibility that the Cubs' two-run margin might be overcome. But little Stubby was gone to the showers and Al Benton who succeeded him, unsteadily yielded a double to the stands by Mickey Livingston. This wallop, followed by a sacrifice and Passeau's fly to Cramer, sealed up the ball game in concrete.

## York's Single in 2nd Lone Hit; Cubs Now Hold 2-1 Series Lead

By NAT LOW

BRIGGS STADIUM, Oct. 5.—Not since 1906 has there been a World Series pitching performance to compare with Claude Passeau's magnificent one-hitter which squelched the Tigers 3-0 today.

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TIGERS	.....0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0	1	2

Some 39 years ago, another Cub hurler, Ed Ruelbach, chalked up a one-hit job against the Chicago White Sox in series competition. But not even that feat could match Passeau's in sheer artistry, for today the 36-year-old Mississippian also issued only one pass.

as he led the Cubs to their second win over the Tigers and a 2-1 lead in this year's classic.

Rudy York, husky Tiger first baseman, slammed the lone hit with two out in the second inning. The only other Detroiters who reached first base was Bob Swift, whom Passeau walked in the sixth.

Working very slowly in his first World Series appearance after 10 years in the major leagues, Passeau blew the Tiger batsmen down with clock-like regularity while the Cub hitters pounced on Tiger starter Stubby Overmire and relief hurler Al Benton. Overmire gave up four hits and two runs before being lifted in the bottom of the sixth for a pinch-hitter. The Cubs tabbed his successor, Benton, for four more safeties and another run.

The Cubs started right off in the first inning when, with two out, Peanuts Lowrey singled over short. Cavarretta walked to push him to second but Andy Pafko forced Phil for the third out.

Overmire held them until the fourth, when he lost the ball game. Lowrey, the fleet Cub left fielder, came up first and he doubled off the left field screen, 350 feet from the plate. Cavarretta laid down a sacrifice bunt which sent "Peanuts" to third. Pafko walked on four straight pitches and once again Big Bill Nicholson, off the beam all season, came through.

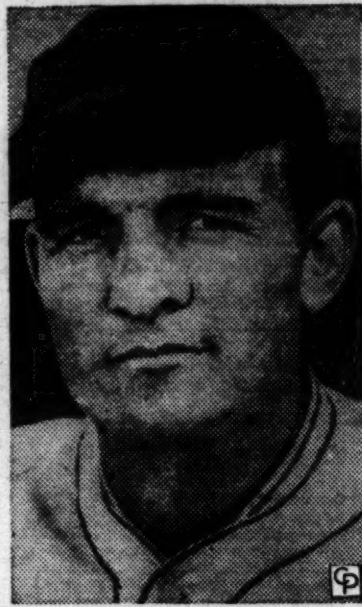
With the Tiger infield playing in to choke the run on the third and the outfield playing deep in respect for his blasting bat, big "Swish" sneered at this defense by dropping a Texas league single over second, scoring Lowrey and sending Pafko to second.

That was all the runs Passeau was going to need, but the Cubs didn't know that, so veteran shortstop Roy Hughes followed up with a single to right field that scored Pafko sprinting home. Passeau fanned for the second straight time and the inning ended.

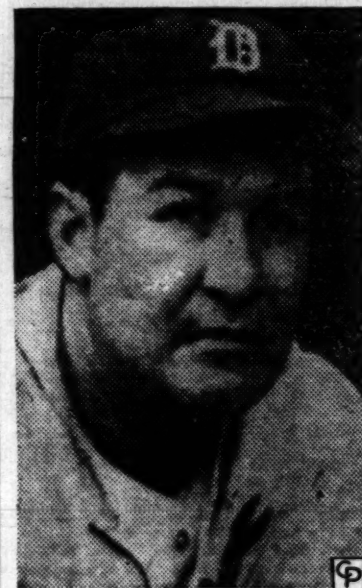
The Tigers had a faint glimmer of hope when Swift was favored by Passeau's only walk in the sixth. Ed Borom was sent in as a pinch hitter and Hub Walker stepped up to bat for Overmire. But Passeau fed him a double play ball.

In the Cubs' first whack at Benton, Livingston started 'he seventh with a double off the right field screen, 360-feet from the plate. Hughes sent him to third with a sacrifice bunt. Passeau took on a bit and lined an out to center field and Livingston scored the final run on the throw-in.

Those Tigers sent their heaviest artillery out to blast the non-chalant Passeau, but he simply jigged the ball in his monotonous manner, leaned back, and let 'er go. Three experienced pinch-hitters in the last of the ninth met the dismal fate of the other Tigers.



Claude Passeau's job against the Tigers yesterday will go into books as the finest pitching stint in Series history.



It was big Rudy York's single that spoiled Passeau's no-hit bid.

### 11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—First Piano Quartet  
WOR—News; Talk; Music  
WJZ—Kogen Orchestra  
WABC—Warren Sweeney, News  
WMCA—News; Music Box  
WQXR—News; Opera Arias  
11:05-WABC—Let's Pretend—Sketch  
11:30-WEAF—Smilin' Ed McConnell  
WOR—Hookey Hall  
WJZ—Vagabond Quartet  
WABC—Billie Burke Show  
WMCA—Saturday Serenade  
WQXR—String Music  
11:45-WJZ—Chet Gaylord, Songs

### NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—News; Consumer Time  
WOR—House of Mystery  
WJZ—Piano Playhouse  
WABC—Theater of Today  
WMCA—News; Luncheon Concert  
WQXR—News; Music to Remember  
12:30-WEAF—Atlantic Spotlight  
WOR—News; the Answer Man  
WJZ—News; Home and Garden  
WABC—Stars Over Hollywood  
1:00-WEAF—Farm and Home Hour  
WOR—Man on the Farm  
WJZ—Saturday Senior Swing  
WABC—Grand Central Station  
WQXR—News; Midday Symphony  
1:15-WOR—Lopez Orchestra  
WMCA—Health Talk  
1:30-WEAF—The Veterans' Advisor  
WOR—Jack Bundy's Album  
WJZ—Round-Up Time  
WABC—Crime Photographer  
WMCA—The Captain Tim Healy  
1:45-WEAF—The American World—Edward C. Tomlinson  
WOR—Aloma Orchestra

### 2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—Armstrong Orchestra  
WOR—Musical Quiz  
WJZ—Football Game  
WABC—Of Men and Books  
WMCA—News; Music  
WQXR—News; Concert Music  
2:15-WEAF—Football; Notre Dame—Georgia Tech  
WOR—World Series Baseball  
WABC—Adventures in Science  
WMCA—Football; Columbia vs. Syracuse  
2:30-WEAF—Galliechio Orchestra  
WABC—Poster Orchestra  
WQXR—Music of Our Time  
2:45-WABC—Football Game  
3:00-WMCA—News; Football Game  
WQXR—News; Request Music  
3:30-WQXR—Request Music  
4:00-WMCA—News; Football Game  
WQXR—News; Symphony Music  
5:00-WOR—Jordan Orchestra  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Musical Milestones  
5:30-WEAF—John W. Vandercok, News  
WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs  
5:45-WEAF—Variety Musicale

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WMCA—570 Kc.  
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WOR—710 Kc.  
WJZ—710 Kc.  
WNYC—830 Kc.  
WABC—880 Kc.  
WINS—1030 Kc.  
WEVD—1330 Kc.  
WNEW—1350 Kc.  
WLIR—1190 Kc.  
WHN—1050 Kc.  
WOV—1290 Kc.  
WBNY—1480 Kc.  
WQXR—1560 Kc.

WOR—Lanny and Ginger, Songs  
WJZ—Milton Cross Show

### 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—Lyle Van, News  
WOR—Paul Schubert  
WJZ—Wilfrid Fleisher, News  
WABC—Quincy Howe, News  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Music to Remember  
6:15-WEAF—Music of Manhattan  
WOR—Strictly Personal  
WJZ—Sports—Harry Wismer  
WJZ—Here's Morgan  
WABC—People's Platform  
WMCA—Recorded Songs  
6:25-WQXR—News; Dinner Music  
6:30-WOR—Fred Vandevanter, News  
WJZ—Hank D'Amico's Sextette  
WMCA—Racing Results  
6:45-WEAF—Religion in the News—Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk  
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax  
WJZ—Labor—U.S.A.  
WABC—The World Today—News  
WMCA—Talk—Jack Shafer  
6:55-WABC—Robert Trout, News  
7:00-WEAF—Our Foreign Policy  
WOR—Guess Who?—Quiz  
WJZ—Jobs After Victory  
WABC—Play—With Helen Hayes  
WMCA—News; This Is Our Town  
WQXR—News; Favorite Music  
7:15-WJZ—Correspondents Abroad  
7:30-WEAF—Noah Webster Says—Quiz  
WOR—Arthur Hale  
WJZ—Dick Tracy—Sketch  
WABC—Just Entertainment  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—Concert Music  
7:45-WOR—The Answer Man  
8:00-WEAF—Life of Riley—Play, with William Bendix  
WOR—Frank Singiser, News  
WJZ—Hoosier Hop  
WABC—Viva America  
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall  
8:15-WOR—Music for Remembrance  
8:30-WEAF—Truth and Consequences  
WOR—Detroit Symphony  
WJZ—Man From G-2—Play with Lionel Barrymore  
WABC—Mayor of the Town—Play, WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
8:55-WEAF—Ned Calmer, News

### 9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—National Barn Dance  
WOR—Leave It to the Girls  
WJZ—Gangbusters—Play

WABC—Hit Parade  
WMCA—News; Shoot the Works  
WQXR—News; Report  
9:05-WQXR—Talk—Dennis Plummer  
9:20-WQXR—Request Music  
9:30-WEAF—Can You Top This?  
WOR—The Whisper Men  
WJZ—Boston Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Serge Koussevitzky, Conductor  
9:45-WABC—Saturday Serenade  
10:00-WEAF—Judy Canova Show  
WOR—Theater of the Air  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Recorded Album  
10:15-WABC—Report to the Nation  
10:30-WEAF—Grand Old Opry  
WJZ—Hayloft Headdown  
WMCA—Frank Kingston  
WQXR—Gaslight Galettes  
10:45-WABC—To Be Announced  
WMCA—Glen Gray Orchestra  
11:00-WEAF, WABC—News; Music  
WMCA—News; Talk; Music  
WJZ, WOR—News; Music  
WQXR—News; Just Music  
11:30-WEAF—I Sustain the Wings  
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WABC, WMCA—News; Music  
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# Negro Press Hails New Hit Play, Deep Are the Roots, as 'Event'

By SAMUEL SILLEN

In contrast to the cautious, confused and in some instances stupid though favorable reviews of *Deep Are the Roots* in the general press, Negro newspapers throughout the country are hailing this drama as a notable event in the American theatre.

Of all the comments I have read in the Negro press, only one takes issue with the central theme. All the other reviewers enthusiastically welcome the play by Arnaud d'Usseau and James Gow as a courageous, timely, penetrating work that raises the stage portrayal of Negro-white relations to a high level.

The New York Age calls *Deep Are the Roots* "one of the most poignant dramas ever to hit Broadway" and emphasizes its thesis that Negroes "no longer will stand being bossed or patronized by 'benevolent' white Southerners."

## PROVOCATIVE THEATRE

The Pittsburgh Courier applauds this "tense, gripping . . . thoroughly honest and forthright" play, noting that the love scenes between Lieut. Brett Charles and Geneva Langdon "are done with great restraint and deep understanding, so touching indeed that many in the audience were seen to cry."

Abram Hill, director of the American Negro Theatre, nominates the play for the Pulitzer Prize in his review for the Amsterdam News. He calls this "daring, dignified and dis-

tinguished drama" the most provocative piece of theater since *Native Son*. The new play surpasses *Native Son*, writes Mr. Hill: "It delivers a more dramatic impact because the actors, though involved in intensely dramatic situations, surpass the obvious physical turmoil and project from within an engulfing vitality that's impossible to resist."

"The play has the additional asset of stripping its character through the situations rather than have them shout the important issues down your throat," comments Mr. Hill. "It has stature. It has solid stage structure. It has overall universal significance."

Mr. Hill notes that "Brett refuses to marry Geneva, but in so doing he strongly condemns the bigoted world that denies love between two people whose only 'guilt' is that they belong to different races."

The one negative notice, by Arthur Huff Fauset in the Philadelphia People's Voice, condemns the play for raising "the intermarriage question" at a moment "when every sensible person knows that the root question in the racial conflict is not when do we marry? but how do we make sure there is something to eat?"

This view is opposed by Fredi Washington, theatre critic of The People's Voice, who describes the play as "a crusade, a wonderfully dynamic mouthpiece." Fredi Wash-

ington praises *Deep Are the Roots* as courageous, adult drama which pulls back the screen of deception. Its success suggests to her that "the public as well as the theatre has come of age." Noting that d'Usseau and Gow have written "with an astounding accuracy of the many problems which the Negro faces in America," Miss Washington emphasizes the character of Alice Langdon and the collapse of her liberalism.

Earl Conrad, reviewing the play for the Chicago Defender, attacks those reviewers who, while generally favorable to the play, indulged in "pecking and sniping and snarling and mishandling."

## DYING PETAL KRONENBERGER

Mr. Conrad laces into "PM's Kronenberger, an iconoclast who feels that he must say, about everything under the sun, 'It isn't much good,' tears a dying petal off a fading orchid and throws it benevolently to *Deep Are the Roots*. It is a bad letdown coming from the supposedly understanding PM."

Mr. Conrad believes that *Deep Are the Roots* ushers in a new period of the social drama. "Now, as in 1850," he writes, "the Negro question is back on the broad stage of American experience—as well as on the legitimate stage—for a finish fight. In the 1930's the theatre portrayed chiefly the problems of white labor—in its social vehicles. Now the Negro question has shot forward to its historically correct position in American culture as the No. 1 thing."

Langston Hughes cordially greets the play in his regular column in the Chicago Defender. "I think it is the best play I have ever seen about the race problem," he writes. "Certainly I have never seen this problem presented behind the footlights so clearly, frankly, excitingly and with so many of its nuances held up for examination. Here, in all its drama, is our tragic and halting search for democracy in America."

While Langston Hughes feels that in *Deep Are the Roots*, as in *Strange Fruit*, "Broadway has gotten the race problem all angled up with sex," he believes that "If a play could shake the land, this one should (Uncle Tom's Cabin did, in its day). The white reactionary, the white folk of good will, the meek and uneducated Negro, the decent, hard-working Negro and the modern upstanding forward looking Negro, all are portrayed here. Although the play is laid in the South, its situations and its problems are true in variation all over our land. Intelligent discussion in terms of the theatre is long overdue! Here it is at last!"

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## U. S. Premiere of Chinese Cantata

The Yellow River Cantata which grew out of Chinese folk songs and was born in the heat of battle will receive its American premiere at the China Friendship Day Rally on Tuesday evening, October 9, in the War Memorial Building, Trenton, New Jersey. Dr. John Finley Williamson will conduct the Westminster Choir in this first performance.

## Tetzel, Widmark in New Radio Play

Joan Tetzel and Richard Widmark, young Broadway stars, will be featured in *The Man Who Came Back*, a dramatic story of America's neglected children, on WMCA Tuesday, October 9, 11:45 p. m. to Midnight. The broadcast is one of the transcribed "Crisis In Our Town" series presented under the auspices of the New York National War Fund.

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Reed, as John Stuart point out in an article in the current *New Masses*, "shook hands with the future." He witnessed a world in birth, immortalized it in his *Ten Days That Shook the World*, and compared it with the world in which he had grown to maturity.

Reflections of both those worlds will appear in the program planned for the coming meeting—in the Prokofiev Sonata played by Vivian Rivkin, noted pianist, and Max Polakoff, violinist; in the introduction of a new song, "John Reed,"

written by Lewis Allan and Elie Siegmeister, sung by Robert Penn, now at Cafe Society; in the reading of one of Reed's own poems, "America, 1918," by David Kerman, actor; in the narration of a dramatic presentation of Reed's life by Martin Wolfson, written by Gilbert Lawrence; and in the songs of 1917 and 1945, sung by the Jefferson Chorus under the direction of Horace Grenell.

The *New Masses'* homage to John Reed will be held at Manhattan Center. Tickets are priced at 60 cents, 90 cents and \$1.20, tax included, and on sale at Workers Bookshop, 50 E. 13 St., Jefferson Bookshop, 575 Sixth Ave., Book Fair, 133 W. 44 St., Skazka, 227 W. 46 St., and *New Masses*, 104 E. 9 St.

## Amateur Night In Harlem

Charlie Barnet and his swing band will be spotlighted on WMCA's *Amateur Night in Harlem*, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 11:06 p. m. to Midnight. The weekly series features top name bands and an amateur variety show broadcast direct from the stage of the Apollo Theatre.

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# WFTU Asks: Break with Franco and Argentina, Free Puerto Rico Vote

PARIS, Oct. 5 (UP).—The World Federation of Trade Unions today demanded a break in diplomatic relations with Spain and Argentina, recognition of the Spanish Exile Government and the right of Puerto Ricans to vote for their independence. The four resolutions, introduced by the Confederation of Latin American workers under the leadership of Vincente Lombardo Toledano, were debated in a stormy, lengthy session behind closed doors. The delegates met in open session later and voted approval.

The Latin American group, in the most impressive show of political force at the world labor conference, also introduced resolutions condemning "capitalistic" monopolies and world racial inequality. They were approved.

In a three-page document calling on the conference to uphold the spirit of the United Nations San Francisco Conference and the Big Three meeting at Potsdam, the anti-

Franco resolution asked the governments of each delegation to carry out "all measures of practical character calculated to destroy the Franco regime and the falange immediately."

## FIRST QUISLING

The declaration criticized Gen. Francisco Franco, chief of state, as the "first quisling" of World War Two. It stated that the Government of Jose Giral in Mexico was es-

tablished in accordance with the Spanish constitution "which was never abolished by the Spanish people."

The general council nominated Louis Saillant, secretary of the French Confederation, as general secretary, over Walter Schevenels, candidate Sir Walter Citrine.

The standing orders committee reported to the executive committee asking immediate protest to the

Greek Government over the refusal to permit Greek delegates to attend the Congress.

The resolution demanding that the United States grant the territory of Puerto Rico the right to vote for its independence was introduced jointly by the delegations from Mexico, Cuba, Uruguay, Ecuador, Guatemala, Panama and Colombia.

By Allied Labor News  
Wireless to Federated Press

PARIS, Oct. 5. — The CIO will work wholeheartedly for the World Federation of Trade Unions, it was emphasized by the CIO spokesman today at the WFTU conference.

A CIO delegation is going to the USSR at the close of this con-

ference to return a visit paid to the U. S. by a Soviet delegation, James Carey, CIO secretary-treasurer also announced.

Nick Lazaris and Charles Collins, observers at the conference for Local 6, Hotel and Restaurant Employees (AFL) and Negro Labor Victory Committee respectively, were refused the floor because of the executive bureau's apparent reluctance to antagonize the AFL leadership.

Lazaris sought the floor to present the views of the Committee for AFL Participation in a World Trade Union Federation. Instead, the observers distributed the resolution favoring AFL participation adopted at a conference of AFL leaders in Cleveland last July.

## Mikado Must Go, Yen-an Union Delegate Tells WFTU Parley

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PARIS, Oct. 5.—Japan must be cleansed of fascism and militarism and the Mikado must go, Teng Fa, chairman of the trade union federation in the Communist-led liberated areas of North and Central China, told the World Federation of Trade Unions conference here yesterday. Teng spoke as one of the three official delegates of the Kuomintang-sponsored Chinese Association of Labor.

As the result of a recently-made agreement between Communist leader Chou En-lai and CAL president, Chu Hsueh-fan, the Communist-led unions are now in the process of affiliating with the CAL.

Chu, who was scheduled to make the speech, delegated the task to Teng Fa who had just arrived from Yen-an.

The Chinese people "still do not enjoy full democratic rights and are still without full security," Teng declared, but said Chinese workers are "striving hard toward unity."

The CAL, including the North China unions, "especially emphasize the need for cleansing Japan of her fascist and militarist elements," Teng stated. "The Mikado must go. It is a grave mistake to attempt to utilize the

Mikado and the so-called moderates to rule Japan.

"The Japanese people must be purged of 'bushidoism.' Japan must be disarmed and Japanese industries dismantled and given to those countries whose industries were destroyed by Japanese aggression. All Japanese war criminals should be brought to speedy trial and punishment. There must be no coddling."

## 8-POINT PROGRAM

Teng then listed the following eight-point program of the united Chinese labor movement: (1) a peaceful, democratic and unified China; (2) all traitors to be punished and their property confiscated; all puppet troops and puppet unions be disarmed; (3) freedom of association, speech and press; (4) maximum work week of 48 hours during postwar reconstruction; (5) social insurance; (6) abolish the oppressive apprenticeship system; (7) workers' voice in political affairs; (8) effective enforcement of free education.

## Japan Police Chiefs Ignore Ouster Edict

TOKYO, Oct. 5 (UP).—The resigned Japanese Cabinet today told prefectural police chiefs to stay in their posts at least temporarily despite Gen. Douglas MacArthur's order for their removal.

The Home Office instructed the chiefs to disregard MacArthur's order "pending decisions on future steps."

Shigeru Yoshida, foreign minister in the outgoing Higashi-Kuni cabinet, conferred for an hour today with Lt. Gen. Richard K. Sutherland reportedly concerning a new cabinet acceptable to occupation authorities. Yoshida asked to see MacArthur but was referred to Sutherland. There were indications he might be the new premier.

Meanwhile 21 Japanese war criminals were transferred today from Yokohama jail to the infamous Omori prison camp, known as the "black hole," on the theory that

what had been good enough for Americans is good enough for Japanese, it was reported from Yokohama.

## NMU Hits Senate

### Barring of McKeough

The National Maritime Union yesterday sharply denounced the action of the Senate Commerce Committee which this week voted 10 to 7 against confirming President Truman's nomination of Raymond S. McKeough, mid-West director of the CIO Political Action Committee, as a member of the U.S. Maritime Commission.

## Ask 30% Rise for City Workers

The national executive board of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, CIO, unanimously voted yesterday to demand a 30 percent general wage increase for all public and government employees coming under the jurisdiction of the union.

Abram Flaxer, national president of the union, announced that 347 State, County and Municipal gov-

ernments as well as a large group of hospitals and private schools will be notified of the union request for reorganizing collective bargaining agreements for the inclusion of the four-point wage program adopted by the executive board.

The union is demanding no cut in take-home pay due to a reduction of hours, all wartime cost-of-living bonuses to be made a per-

manent part of basic wages and the transfer of all per diem and weekly workers to a guaranteed annual wage as well as the 30 percent increase.

Employees in practically every major city in the country will be affected.

It is expected negotiations will open shortly on the union's demands.

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**Around the World:** At Washington airport Lt. Gen. Harold L. George greets news correspondents who completed the Air Transport Command's first scheduled around the world flight in 6½ days. The total distance flown was 23,279 miles.

## Laval Tries to Turn Trial Into Fascist Platform

By DEREK KARTON

Wireless to the Daily Worker

PARIS, Oct. 5.—Pierre Laval, one-time poor man's lawyer and left-wing politician, 14 times Cabinet Minister, thrice Premier of France—greatest traitor of them all—today faced the second day of his trial here in the ornate crowded High Court.

He and his friends, some of whom got into the courtroom and applauded him yesterday, are using the trial as a platform and testing ground for fascist speeches and slander of democratic France. Laval has said that if he is to go down he will pull others down with him.

The defense started today's proceedings with two long high-flown speeches on the right of the accused, liberally sprinkled with in-

sulting remarks aimed at the judge. Interruptions by bench, jury and Laval were frequent.

The court heard the plea of the defense that the trial is being hurried for political reasons, that documents had been hidden from them and that they only had a month to prepare the case.

Andre Mornet, public prosecutor, said the prosecution's case was public property—Laval's speeches and laws throughout the last five years.

After adjournment the Court disallowed the plea of the defense for

later trial and Laval proceeded to speak for over two hours on the question of laws passed by the Petain government in 1939 suspending the democratic constitution. His whole argument was that anti-democratic laws were all the work of Petain over whom he never had the slightest influence, and that he merely "presented and interpreted" Petain's suggestions to the national assembly which dissolved the Third Republic.

Asked why, if he was the loyal democrat he professed to be, he had clung to power, Laval replied: "I clung to power, strange as it may seem to you, to protect my country and to see nothing was done against the spirit in which the constitution had been changed." He had sug-

gested that the 1875 constitution had been changed to "facilitate difficulties of being occupied by the enemy."

## "NO INFLUENCE"

Laval insisted, in a long exchange with the judge, and prosecutor, that although vice-premier of the Bordeaux Government [before Vichy] he had no influence over major policy questions. He told several anecdotes designed to prove Petain's love of power and complete authority. He said he had himself named as Petain's successor because "it was feared otherwise [Gen. Maxime] Weygand would succeed him."

I sat at arm's length from Pierre Laval throughout the afternoon and was able to study him closely. He is thin and drawn, hair and moustache

grey but with all the old fire in his crafty eyes. His nicotine-tainted fingers were steady as he handled a great sheaf of papers. As in the days of power he still wore an immaculate white tie but his shirt was torn and his suit badly creased.

The bearing of this man, who said he hoped Hitler would win the war, has been an astounding example of play-acting.

The proceedings—part of the vital democratic process of cleansing France of fascism—are more like an elaborately-staged play than a great political trial.

Laval interrupts at will, lectures the bench on procedure and is aggressive, crushed, weary, arrogant in turn. It is expected the trial will last at least two weeks.